

# STEP INTO SUCCESS

Sam Houston State University  
A Member of The Texas State University System

## Welcome Home Bearkats!

Welcome to the first edition of *Step into Success!* With a variety of information, *Step into Success* will help you succeed during your first year as a Bearkat. There are many articles containing valuable information along with a calendar of events to keep you informed of all exciting activities that are taking place on campus. And don't forget: Quarters equal Laundry!

## The Director's Corner - Dr. Keri Rogers!

Keri Rogers, Assistant Vice president for Academic Affairs, is the director of Student Success Initiative program at SHSU.

The program is designed to improve the success of all students by continuing to offer quality initiatives for first-year students.

The Student Success Initiatives continues First Year Experience programs such as the UNIV 1301: "Introduction to Collegiate Studies" class, the Freshman Learning Community, New Student Convocation, and the Bearkats Read to Succeed program, while offering new initiatives that address issues concerning both SHSU and the student body.

This program collaborates with many university offices including the SAM Center, Enrollment Management and Student Services, as well as faculty and staff.

## New Student Convocation deems in a new class of Bearkats!

The Bearkat class of 2013 received their official Sam Houston State University "welcome" on Saturday (Aug. 22) during the First Year Experience's fifth annual New Student Convocation. "The New Student Convocation is a celebration that welcomes new students to campus with just the right balance of formality and entertainment," said Keri Rogers, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs. "It's our opportunity to help them get started on the right foot for college."

During the event, motivational speaker Dr. Kozhi Makai encouraged students to make the most of their college experience with a keynote address. He began his education at Lone Star College and later transferred to and graduated from SHSU with a degree in speech communication and psychology. Soon after, he completed his master's degree in business communication from Jones International University and his doctorate in applied management and decision sciences from Walden University.

The ceremony, which lasted approximately an hour, had a graduation-like atmosphere, with faculty, staff and administration members dressed in caps and gowns and the traditional processions; but students and their families are not required to dress up for the event, according to Rogers.

## Places to Know!

### The Writing Center

Mon-Thu: 8am-7pm

Fri: 10am-3pm

Sun: 2pm-7pm

936.294.3680

Farrington, 111

wctr@shsu.edu

Appointments are encouraged

**Career Services**

Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm  
936.294.1713  
AB4, 210  
[careerservices@shsu.edu](mailto:careerservices@shsu.edu)

**The Reading Center**

Mon-Thu: 8am-7pm  
Fri: 8am-3pm  
Sun: 2pm-7pm  
936.294.3114  
Farrington, 109  
[rdg\\_www@shsu.edu](mailto:rdg_www@shsu.edu)

**Math Help Lab**

Mon-Thu: 10am-5pm  
Fri: 10am-2pm  
936.294.1565  
Farrington, 104

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